

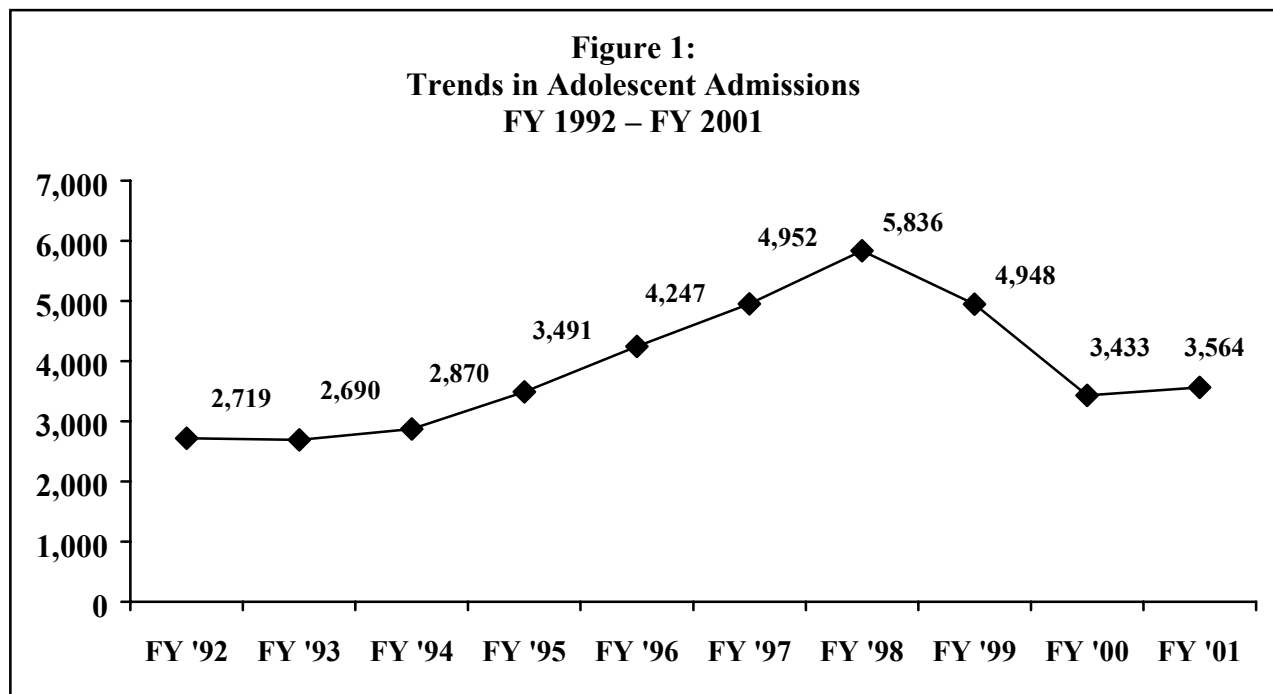
ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACTS

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This fact sheet provides information on adolescent admissions to substance abuse treatment services. Data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Management Information System (SAMIS) in FY 2001.^{1,2}

TREATMENT ADMISSIONS:

- Over the past nine years, adolescent admissions receiving substance abuse services from BSAS licensed treatment facilities in Massachusetts have increased with a significant peak in FY1998. In FY2001, there were 3,564 adolescent admissions as compared to 2,719 in FY1992 (Figure 1).
- Adolescent admissions to substance abuse treatment programs represent 3% of all admissions statewide.
- In FY2001, the majority of adolescent admissions fell in the age category of 16-17 years (67%). The average age of adolescents (17years) receiving treatment has slightly increased since FY1992.
- Among all adolescent substance abuse treatment admissions in FY2001: 72% were males, 66% were white, 15% were Latino, 11% were black non-Latino and 8% were members of other racial categories.



¹ SAMIS data include information reported by all BSAS licensed substance abuse treatment programs for FY 1992 to FY 2001. These data include admissions to BSAS licensed programs that may be reimbursed by Medicaid or other public payers. Trends are reported beginning in FY 1992 when data were first collected in their current form.

² This fact sheet may contain small numbers. Trends based upon small numbers should be interpreted with caution.

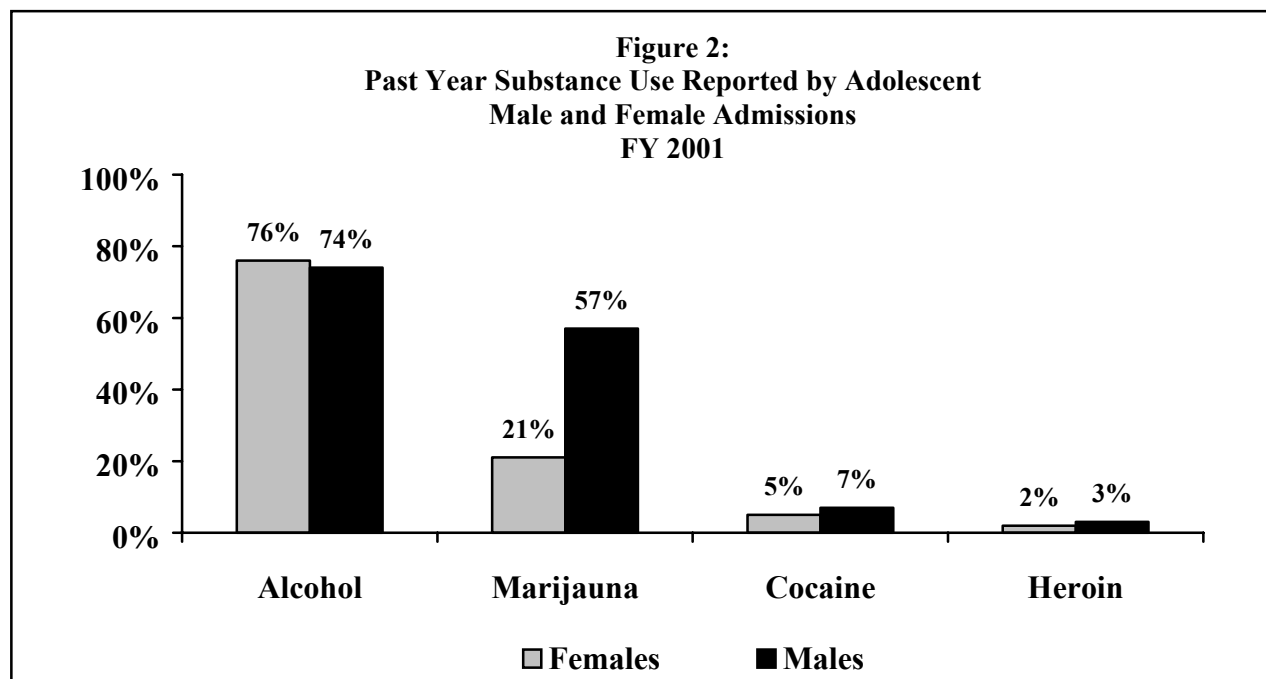
TYPES OF SERVICES:

In FY 2001, adolescent admissions received services in the following modalities:

- Nearly half, 43% (1,515) of all adolescent admissions received outpatient treatment.
- 16% (587) were admitted to youth residential services.
- 3% (111) of adolescent admissions received acute treatment services (ATS).
- 38% (1,351) of adolescent admissions participated in other services including TSS, drunk driving and narcotic treatment.

Substances Used in the Past Year:

- In FY2001, reports of alcohol use in the past year were similar among female and male adolescent admissions (76% and 74%, respectively).
- 78% of adolescent admissions (21% female, 57% male) reported using marijuana in the past year.
- 12% (5% female, 7% male) reported using cocaine at least once within the past 12 months.
- 5% (2% female, 3% male) reported past year heroin use.



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